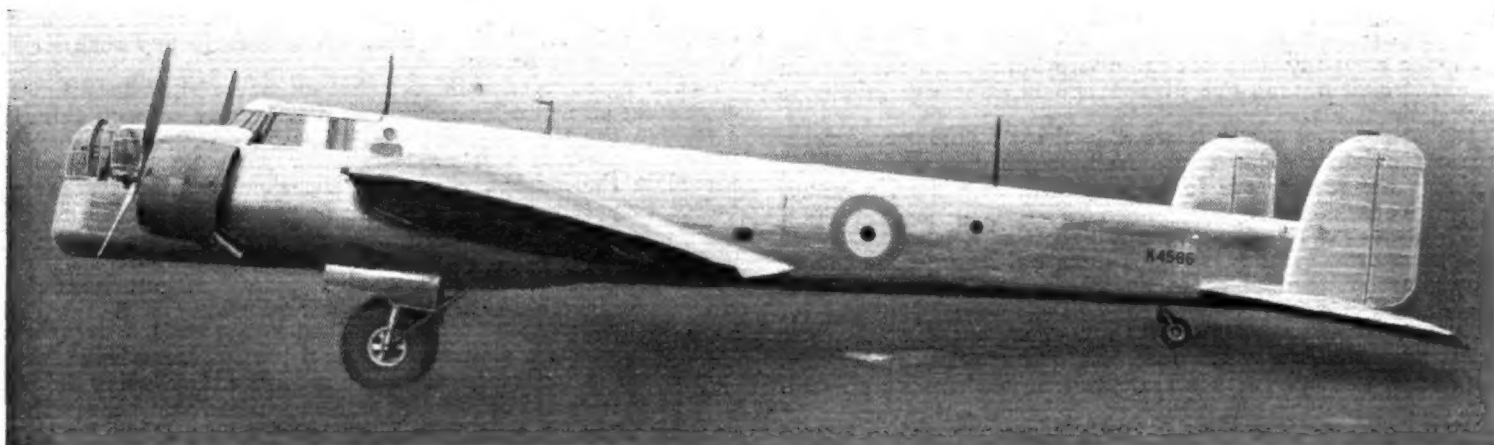


# THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS



AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



A NEW "HEAVY." The Armstrong-Whitworth Whitley (two Tiger engines). (R.A.F. Official Photograph, Crown Copyright.)

## UNIVERSITY COMMISSIONS

The Air Ministry announces that the undermentioned University candidates have been appointed to permanent commissions in the General Duties Branch of the Royal Air Force with the rank of Pilot Officer:—R. E. Baxter, Cambridge; J. H. Chaplin, Cambridge; S. C. Elworthy, Cambridge; P. D. Holder, Bristol; P. J. Sanders, Oxford; R. H. Spencer, Cambridge; F. S. Stapleton, Cambridge.

## AIRMEN'S MESSING

Attention is drawn to K.R. & A.C.I., para. 1729, and to the more detailed regulations in A.P. 112, Chapter VII, para. 9, respecting the provision of supper for any airmen who choose to take it. C.Os. are to ensure, by periodical enquiry, that suitable arrangements are being made at their stations in accordance with those regulations.

The above Air Ministry Weekly Order evidently refers to complaints which have been published that airmen at certain stations received no meal after 4 p.m. The paragraph in King's Regulations to which reference is made runs as follows:—"The C.O. of a station will pay particular attention to the feeding of the airmen and will take pains to impress upon his subordinates the important bearing which the subject has upon the efficiency, contentment, and well-being of the airmen. The food provided will be well prepared and well served, and as much variety as possible will be introduced into the dietary by judicious expenditure of the cash allowances. A supper meal will always be provided for any airmen who choose to take it. The C.O. will himself frequently visit the cookhouse and satisfy himself that the food is being properly cooked."

At most stations there is a committee of airmen which is consulted about messing, and in some cases this committee has advised that airmen do not desire supper to be provided but prefer to provide food for themselves.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE GAZETTE

London Gazette, March 17, 1936

General Duties Branch

The following are granted permanent commissions as Pilot Officers with effect from March 3 and with seniority of the dates stated:—J. H. Chaplin, P. D. Holder (June 3, 1934); R. E. Baxter, S. C. Elworthy, P. J. Sanders, R. H. Spencer, F. S. Stapleton (December 3, 1934).

The following are granted short service commissions as Acting Pilot Officers on probation with effect from and with seniority of March 2:—G. L. G. Bagshaw, P. H. G. Beazley, P. E. Bennett, G. R. Boles, C. H. Bull, V. G. L. D. Byrne, R. W. Denison, J. R. L. Edminson, L. F. Gregory, R. P. A. Harrison, L. R. Helps, W. A. Howell, G. V. Lane, F. R. Maguire, A. G. Malan, R. E. Mills, I. G. Morrison, D. A. Newell, E. Palmer, D. Parker, P. R. Patrick, G. W. Prior, J. W. B. Richardson, F. M. Smith, T. H. Stockdale, G. G. Storey, D. M. Strong, W. P. F. Treacy, C. A. Turner, H. A. A. Webster, J. H. White.

## A CHANGE OF NAME

The Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Flight will be renamed Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit, with effect from April 14, 1936.

## PERMANENT COMMISSIONS (STORES BRANCH)

The undermentioned warrant officers have been granted permanent commissions in the stores branch: B. H. Alder, F. C. Crowdy, A. C. Dibben, L. Doyle, E. H. Free.

## FOREIGN OFFICER ATTACHED

Capt. Napakas of the Siamese Military Air Service, has been attached to the Royal Air Force Station, Calshot, from March 16 to April 9.

## WARRANT OFFICERS COMMISSIONED

The undermentioned warrant officers have been granted permanent commissions:—

*As commissioned engineer officers*

S. W. Birch, M. Downer, T. Griffiths, E. J. A. Knight, B. H. Rolles, H. J. Sanders, J. H. Tuckey, F. C. Whenman.

*As commissioned signals officers*

P. Allerston, A. W. Daniels, C. Turl, D.S.M.

*As commissioned armament officers*

G. Bird and J. Heffernan.

## FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Aircraftman Stephen Paul Jenner, of No. 100 (T.B.) Squadron lost his life in an aircraft accident which occurred at Singapore on March 19. Flt. Lt. William Dalrymple Gairdner, D.F.C., the pilot of the aircraft, and L.A./C. Thomas William Watson, the only other occupant, are missing.

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant:—P. B. Coote (January 26); M. V. M. Clube (February 27).

The following Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer:—W. T. King (January 24); P. J. A. Riddell, R. G. Yaxley, R. C. F. Lister (January 28); O. H. D. Blomfield (March 14).

Group Capt. A. R. Arnold, D.S.C., D.F.C., is placed on the half-pay list, scale A, from February 14 to March 15 inclusive. Lt.-Cdr. G. Willoughby, R.N., Squadron Leader, R.A.F., ceases to be attached to the Royal Air Force on return to Naval duty (February 3); Sqn. Ldr. C. B. Riddle is placed on the retired list at his own request (March 17); Flt. Lt. F. J. Knowler is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health (March 16); Flt. Lt. J. H. Hagon is placed on the retired list (March 13); Flt. Lt. D. R. Mitchell, M.B.E., is placed on the retired list (March 17).

The following Flight Lieutenants are transferred to the Reserve Class A (March 14):—W. H. Burbury, E. G. H. Russell-Stracey, A.F.C., P. V. Williams.